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ALLGEMEINE MISSIONS-NACHRICHTEN,

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MISSIONARY-DIRECTOR D. THEODOR ÖHLER, died at Bâsle on the 15th of June. He was born June 8th, 1850, in Breslau where his father, later an overseer of the Tübingen Foundation, was Professor of Theology. After serving as adjunct professor in Tübingen and as pastor in Leonberg he was appointed Director of the Bâsle Mission on January 1st, 1885. During his first year of service it was decided to take over missionary work in Kamerun which, according to the latest statistics, numbered 400 main and substations, 107 European and 370 native workers, 15,000 Christians as well as 384 schools containing 23,000 pupils. In the year 1913 North-Togo was added to their sphere of activity. In 1888 to 1889 he became acquainted with the missionary field in Farther India and South China. Two new departments were added, work among women and medical missions. He was a man of exceptionally clear discernment and great personal integrity, of deep humility and tireless energy, a man of the Word and of Prayer, an educator, leader and shepherd of souls by the Grace of God, who had often accomplished great and decisive things, secretly as well as publicly. Therefore his influence extended far beyond the Bâsle Mission. He was Chairman of the German Missionary Committee and the Continental Missionary Conference. His appearance at the German Colonial Congress in 1905 made a deep impression. During the last few years, although paralyzed and physically helpless, his intellect was unimpaired to the last and he persevered in spite of much suffering and bore the great burdens of work and responsibility, of cares and of sorrows with remarkable equanimity as though it were a mere matter of course. ------ His successor is DIRECTOR HEINRICH DIPPER who was his assistant since 1910 and who visited China and India in 1913 - 1914.

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